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IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHARGE, ECONMIN AND
LOCAL AMBASSADORS OF ALGERIIA, VENEZUELA, BOLIVIA THIS
WEEK, FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED: (1) BOTH
BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR ELIO AND VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR CASTELLANOS
ALLUDED TO DEEP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LATIN AMERICANS AND
AFRICAN/ASIANS ON KEY NS TOPICS. CASTELLANOS REFERRED
PARTICULARLY TO THE DEBT QUESTION, AND UNDERLINED NEED FOR

FRESH THINKING ON TOPIC. HE REFERRED TO STUDY UNDERWAY BY
MEXICAN ECONOMIST VIANCHEK (PHONETIC SPELLING), AND HOPED
THIS MIGHT OPEN NEW VISTAS. ELIOS CONSIDERED THAT IN VIEW
DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC INTERESTS, TYPES OF SOCIETY, AND
LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT, IT MOST SURPRISING THAT G-77 UNITY
WAS BECOMING HARDER TO MAINTAIN. IN PARTICULAR, HE
EXPRSSED GREAT REGRET THAT AFRICAN ROLE DURING RECENT
COMMON FUND NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE HAD PREVENTED DEVELOP-
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MENT OF COMMON G-77 PROPOSAL. HE EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBT
THAT INTEGRATED PROGRAM COULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY END OF
1978 AS CALLED FOR BY NAIROBI UNCTAD RESOLUTION. HE
PLACED STRESS ON NEED FOR CLOSE US-LA RELATIONS, AND
EVEN CALLED FOR LOME TYPE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN US.

(2) CONCERNING OUTCOME OF CIED, ALL THREE WERE RETICENT

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TO GIVE ASSESSMENT. CASTELLANOS STATED HE HAD
HEARD PEREZ GUERRERO PRESENTATION TO G-77 IN NEW YORK HAD
BEEN WELL RECEIVED. (ASSUME ANY USUN REPORTING ON THIS
WILL BE REPEATED GENEVA.) CASTELLANOS CONSIDERED ONLY
MAJOR CIEC FOLLOW-UP TOPICS FOR GENEVA WOULD BE COMMON
FUND NEGOTIATIONS AND MTN. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR BOUDJAKDJI
SAID HE HAD HOPED THAT NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE
GONE FURTHER IN CIEC. (HE CLEARLY HAD CAREFULLY READ
AND WAS IMPRESSED BY US POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS ON NS ISSUES,
SUCH AS PRESIDENT'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH.) HE RECOGNIZED US
CONGRESSIONAL RESTRAINTS, BUT STATED THAT LDCS WOULD BE
WATCHING CAREFULLY TO SEE HOW HARD NEW ADMINISTRATION REALLY
TRIED WITH THE CONGRESS.

(3) CONCERNING DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN BOLIVIA,
ELIO (WHO SEEMS TO HAVE RECEIVED WORD HE IS ON WAY OUT AS
AMBASSADOR HERE) CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR PUTTING TOO
MUCH EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION AND NOT ENOUGH ON
AGRICULTURAL/MINERAL DEVELOPMENT. THIS LEADING TO
EXCESSIVE INDEBTEDNESS. ALSO PASSIONATELY DESCRIBED
PROBLEMS OF MANAGING COUNTRY WHERE THREE/FOURTHS OF
POPULATION AT POVERTY LEVEL. FEARED CUBANS WOULD BE ABLE
EXPLOIT SITUATION TO "STABILIZE" BOLIVIA IN SAME WAY THEY
HAD "STABILIZED" ANGOLA. SORENSON

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